


American Rescue Plan Act

Council Work Session 6/8/2021


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Current Local Allocations

- **City of Fort Worth Direct Allocation: \$173,745,090**
 - First half tranche received May 19, 2021: \$86,872,545
 - All funds committed by December 31, 2024
 - All funds spent by December 31, 2026
- **Emergency Rental Assistance Direct Allocation: \$29,071,786**
 - First 40% tranche received May 24, 2021: \$11,628,714
 - Additional direct allocation to Tarrant County: \$26,407,662
- **Homelessness Direct Allocation: \$10,537,030**
 - Additional direct allocation to Tarrant County: \$5,281,656
- **Tarrant County Direct Allocation: \$408,388,891**
- **Fort Worth ISD Allocation: \$261,555,722**
- **Trinity Metro Allocation: \$39,155,646**


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COFW Direct Allocation

- **Broad definitions provided for use in four major categories:**
 - A. Respond to the public health emergency and related economic impacts
 - B. Respond to workers performing essential work during the public health emergency
 - C. For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction of revenue due to the public health emergency (revenue recovery)
 - D. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure
- **Incorporates a complex formula for revenue recovery:** Compares adjusted Calendar Year 2020 revenue (with exclusions) to Fiscal Year 2019 actual revenue adjusted by either an average actual three-year growth rate or 4.1% (whichever is higher)
- **Currently only guidance is the U.S. Treasury's Interim Final Rule.**
 - Additional guidance, as well as the establishment of Q & As will likely change the calculation method and the resulting estimates.
 - Revenue recovery amount for second tranche of funding will not be known until calculation is finalized in March 2022 after the FY2021 Annual Financial Report is issued


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Uses of ARPA Non-Revenue Recovery Funds

- **Respond to the Public Health Emergency:**
 - Mitigation and Prevention, Medical Expenses, Behavioral Health Care
 - Public Health and Safety Staff, Improvements in Health and Public Health Program Design
 - Address Disparities in Public Health Outcomes
- **Negative Economic Impacts:**
 - Assistance to households, small business and non-profits
 - Aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality
 - Investment in housing and neighborhoods
- **Essential Workers with duties in Response to Health Emergency**
- **Necessary Investments in Water, Sewer, or Broadband Infrastructure**

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Use of Funds Generated by Revenue Recovery Provision

➤ **Broad latitude to use funds for the provision of government services, including, but not limited to:**

- Infrastructure maintenance
- Infrastructure Pay-go construction, including roads
- Modernization of cyber-security, including hardware, software and protection of critical infrastructure
- Health services
- School or educational services
- Environmental remediation
- Police, Fire, and other public safety services
- Any water infrastructure projects in compliance with the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds
- Not restricted by the source of the revenue loss

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Unallowable Use of Revenue Recovery Funds


➤ **Expenses associated with obligations under instruments evidencing financial indebtedness for borrowed money, such as:**

- Interest or principal on any outstanding debt instrument
- Issuance cost associated with new debt
- Match for other federal programs
- Pension deposits
- Settlement agreements
- Replenishing financial reserves

➤ **Or expenses associated with:**

- Judgements
- Consent decrees
- Debt restructuring


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Guiding Principles for Use of Funds


- One time uses that do not increase ongoing operating costs
- Target projects that will have a strong Return on Investment (ROI), especially in economic areas hardest hit by pandemic
- Use for expenses directly tied to mitigating or lessening COVID-19
- Target projects delayed or postponed because of impact from pandemic
- Projects in Majority Minority Areas (MMAs)
- Projects that fall within specific qualifying activities as outlined in ARPA guidance

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Initial Recommended Spending Plan Categories


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Non-Revenue Recovery Funds

- Pandemic Recovery Activities
 - Emergency Operations Center
 - Vaccination Operations
- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) capacity building program
- Tourism Industry Recovery
 - Convention Center Expansion Project Restart
 - Grant to Visit Fort Worth for revenue shortfall
 - Sports Tourism Soccer Complex Project Phase I
- Evans-Rosedale Project w/Affordable Housing component
- Stormwater Projects
- Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Projects
- Cybersecurity/Technology/Broadband Projects in City Buildings
- Permanent Supportive Housing Projects
- Matching Funds for eligible joint projects with other agencies

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Revenue Recovery Funds

- Projects Delayed/Postponed because of Pandemic:
 - Commerce St. Realignment
 - Public Events Department Projects at Convention Center and Will Rogers
- Will Rogers Interpretive Plaques for Existing Murals
- Majority Minority Area (MMA) Infrastructure projects
 - Neighborhood Streets
 - Streetlights
 - Sidewalks
 - Park Development

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Next Steps

➤ Staff to begin working on plans/program development to bring individual items back for council approval in categories outlined below:

- Pandemic Recovery Activities
- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) capacity building program
- Tourism Industry Recovery (Convention Center/VFW Funding/Sports Tourism)
- Evans-Rosedale Project w/Affordable Housing component
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Question?

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